

help address this crisis. Not only do we need to reject the Trump Administration's budget cuts which, according to the report, "would, if enacted, lead to the largest reduction in affordable housing and community development investments in decades" and result in the loss of rental assistance for 200,000 families. Instead, we should increase funding for Housing Choice Vouchers, the national Housing Trust Fund, public housing and project-based rental assistance.

And, of course, we need to replace the \$7.25 federal minimum wage with a living wage by passing H.R. 15, the Raise the Wage Act.

I want to congratulate the National Low-Income Housing Coalition for giving us such critical information about how the inadequacy of the federal minimum wage, coupled with the unaffordability of housing, is creating day-to-day crises for millions of Americans. We can solve those crises by investing in housing and providing workers with a better deal and better wages.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, from May 15, 2018 until May 22, 2018, I was absent from the House of Representatives. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

H.R. 613, Lieutenant Osvaldo Albarati Correctional Officer Self-Protection Act of 2017 (Rep. MCKINLEY, R-WV)—YES.

H.R. 4854, Justice Served Act of 2018 (Rep. CARTER, R-TX)—YES.

H. Res. 285, Expressing the sense of the United States House of Representatives that Congress and the President should empower the creation of police and community alliances designed to enhance and improve communication and collaboration between members of the law enforcement community and the public they serve (Rep. TAYLOR, R-VA)—YES.

On Question of Consideration of the Resolution (the Rule for H.R. 5690, S. 2372, and H.R. 2)—NO.

Ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 891—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 5698—Protect and Serve Act of 2018 and of the bill S. 2372—VA MISSION Act of 2018 and of the bill H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Adoption of H. Res. 891—The combined rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 5698—Protect and Serve Act of 2018 and of the bill S. 2372—VA MISSION Act of 2018 and of the bill H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

S. 35, Black Hills National Cemetery Boundary Expansion Act (Sen. THUNE, R-SD)—YES.

H.R. 5698, Protect and Serve Act of 2018 (Rep. RUTHERFORD, R-FL)—YES.

S. 2372, VA MISSION Act of 2018 (Sen. ISAKSON, R-GA)—NO.

Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 2—NO.

H. Res. 900, Rule providing for further consideration of H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Foxx (R-NC) Amendment No. 1 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

McClintock (R-CA) Amendment No. 3 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

McClintock (R-CA) Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Faso (R-NY) Amendment No. 13 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Biggs (R-AZ) Amendment No. 16 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Westerman (R-AR) Part C Amendment No. 13 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Young (R-AK) Part C Amendment No. 14 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Russell (R-OK) Amendment No. 17 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Massie (R-KY) Amendment No. 25 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Roskam (R-IL) Amendment No. 28 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—YES.

Banks (R-IN) Amendment No. 31 to H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

Motion to Recommit H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—with Instructions—YES.

Final Passage of H.R. 2—Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018—NO.

H.R. 4830, SIT-REP Act, as amended (Rep. BILIRAKIS, R-FL)—YES.

H.R. 4451, Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Programs Reauthorization Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. WENSTRUP, R-OH)—YES.

H.R. 3832, Veterans Opioid Abuse Prevention Act, as amended (Rep. DUNN, R-FL)—YES.

Motion on Ordering the Previous Question on the Rule providing for further consideration of S. 2155, S. 204, and H.R. 5515—NO.

H. Res. 905, Rule providing for consideration of S. 2155—Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, S. 204—Trickett Wendler, Frank Mongiello, Jordan McLinn, and Matthew Bellina Right to Try Act, and H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

Amodei (R-NV) Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

McGovern (D-MA) Amendment No. 10 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—YES.

McKinley (R-WV) Amendment No. 13 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

Tenney (R-NY) Amendment No. 19 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—NO.

Engel (D-NY) Amendment No. 43 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—YES.

Polis (D-CO) Amendment No. 50 to H.R. 5515—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019—YES.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, June 22 and Monday, June 25, 2018, I missed

the following votes due to needing to tend to a close family member in the hospital.

For Roll Call Vote 287, on the Motion to Recommit with Instructions, I would have voted "no."

For Roll Call Vote 288, final passage of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act, I would have voted "yes."

For Roll Call Vote 289, final passage of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act, I would have voted "yes."

For Roll Call Vote 290, final passage of the Cooperate with Law Enforcement Agencies and Watch Act of 2018, I would have voted "yes."

A BEAUTIFUL MIND IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory and in sorrow of the passing of a great Patriot and American Journalist Dr. Charles Krauthammer, with a poetic tribute by Albert Carey Caswell. Charles' inspirational life is a lesson to us all about CHARACTER, FAITH, COURAGE, HOPE, and GOING FOR IT. He was a genius armed with a brilliant mind, wit, and intellect. Composing works of art on paper and on the screen. Our prayers go out to him and his beloved wife Robin and son Daniel. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

A BEAUTIFUL MIND IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER A GREAT AMERICAN PATRIOT AND JOURNALIST AND A LIFE WELL LED

[By: Albert Carey Caswell]

A beautiful mind
So brilliant and fine
A life of mind over matter you will find,
With no mountain to high to climb
Of a life well led in his time
And when our life is over and done.
What have we left behind to all among
To so teach our young
Have we shined like the Sun?
Or left this world in regret at what we should have done
With only a few verses in our lives to be sung
As we curse the brevity of life wishing for more to come.
Will we seize the moment in what we have done?
And live with no regrets when all is said and done
And give the world a nudge
Yea, Charles was The Samson in Journalism who gave our world a budge
If only they could remember what they've forgotten what blessings would come
Yea, Charles you went deep in your life leaving nothing on the field my son
Like a Mozart or Picasso,
an artist composing Master pieces with thoughts and words of such a sum
With a beautiful mind and life which reads like nobility in all he has done
Turning tragedy into triumph as from where he had come
Turning opportunity into success as to it he'd run
Working for a President had this one
Not afraid to question himself America's son
An American Patriot through and through who loved his country to it heart he'd run

Who coined The Reagan Doctrine this one
 As he believed in his self with each new jour-
 ney he begun
 As why Sir Charles stands as American Roy-
 alty in Journalism this one
 Armed with his fine soul and integrity a cut
 above all the other ones
 Who masquerade and lose their way in their
 sacred charge for truth begun
 Who are the fourth pillar in this great Re-
 public which relies and depends upon
 For your lessons Charles are of Gold to all
 among
 About taking life's hardest falls to rise up
 against all odds like the morning sun
 And not to wallow in self-pity,
 but with your light to shine and overcome
 To laugh and love all in your short time to
 come
 And not let the darkness of the world make
 you succumb
 When, courage comes to crest
 It's there you'll we find throughout history
 came America's best
 As you Charles who our Nation has blessed
 As Father, a Husband, a Journalist, and a
 citizen of the world who would not rest
 Excelling at each and every one of those to
 bring your best,
 Someone to look up to as we were your
 guest.
 As a man of character and class the likes of
 Edward R Murrow,
 for the truth you too would not rest
 Giving no one a pass
 So articulate and witty,
 and armed with such a beautiful mind all
 others surpassed
ANALYZE THIS
 Sir Charles gave back to Journalism some
 much needed nobility and class
 The likes of which in a bygone era reined
 throughout America's past
 And yet no kinder or humble man then
 Charles ever crossed your path
 As he made each moment count,
 while he climbed each mountain, the Lord
 put in his path
 And at a young age when his strong body
 failed,
 with his mind and soul and faith and family
 would hold his course steadfast
 With mind over matter always up to the task
 With the great love of a magnificent wife
 Robin,
 and son Daniel he strode such a great path
 Into someone to look up to all in our hearts
 which will last
 Aren't these 'The Things Which Matter' I
 ask?
 While, Baseball and Chess were his hearts
 desirers,
 he always went deep in his life checkmating
 heartache to climb higher
 Even the Pulitzer Prize he'd acquire
 And oh, his National's in his heart created
 such a warm fire!
 As a Renaissance Man our world so inspired
 With "The Things Which Matter" his gift to
 take us even higher
 Until, the very end with his beautiful mind
 and soul still us inspired
 With his one final email to touch our hearts
 and lift us higher
 As he taught us how to live and how to die
 and say goodbye
 With such class and character, we now stand
 with tear in eye
 In Heaven your Dad is saying, what took you
 so long, it's about time,
 And you and Edward Murrow are laughing
 and are not in sorrow
 David Bloom, Walter Cronkite, Ed Bradley
 and Tim Russert for you are making
 room
 With a new Angel on the rise,
 who will watch over us for the rest of our
 lives

As he has taught us what can be achieved
 with a beautiful, heart, soul, and mind
 And the beauty of hope so divine
 With his life well led all in his time.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUT-
 STANDING SERVICE OF DR.
 LENORA PETERS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise today and recognize the achievements of Dr. Lenora Peters Gant, current Senior Executive Academic National Security Fellow at Howard University School of Business through the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). Revered for her U.S. security and intelligence expertise, Dr. Gant's profound leadership speaks to her devotion to public service and the impact she has made throughout the intelligence community.

Dr. Gant holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Education and Management from Florida A&M University, a Master of Education from the George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University, and a Ph.D. in Education/Technology Learning & Human Resources Management from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In addition, Dr. Gant furthered her academic pursuits by obtaining certificates in Executive Development and Leadership Development from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a certificate in 21st Century Leadership from the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. Her tenacious desire to pursue her education is truly inspiring.

Dr. Gant's phenomenal leadership expands numerous roles that include the U.S. Department of Defense, where she managed a multi-million dollar budget for human resources management, education, and technology-based diversity training initiatives. From 2004 to 2012, Dr. Gant served as Director of the ODNI Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence, which is comprised of over 30 colleges and universities across the United States. Under her leadership, IC-CAE became a standard bearer for government partnerships with academia. In 2014, she was appointed as the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) Senior Executive for Academic Outreach and STEM where she directed, planned, and executed approaches to originate, develop, and formalize NGA corporate academic outreach for Geospatial Sciences and Scientific and Technology. In 2016, Dr. Gant led the ODNI Office of Policy and Strategy's Career Mobility Program Initiative, where she oversaw and directed over fifty senior leaders and managers across five ODNI Directorates.

In addition to Dr. Gant's professional pursuits, she has received numerous awards in honor of her achievements and contribution to her line of work. In April 2010, Dr. Gant was awarded Harvard University Donald M. Stewart Alumni Achievement Award for leadership and public service. In May 2016, she was awarded the Vanderbilt University's Peabody College Distinguished Alumna Award. Furthermore, the former Director of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) George Tenet appointed

Dr. Gant as the international community's representative to the President's White House One America Initiative.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Lenora Peters Gant is more than deserving of recognition for her service to our country. I am pleased to take this moment to celebrate her dedication and unwavering contribution to the intelligence community. I want to congratulate her once again for her many years of distinguished service to our nation. I wish her well as she embarks upon her retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS
 LEGAL SUPPORT ACT OF 2018

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Veterans Legal Support Act of 2018, which would allow the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide certification and support to law school clinical programs that provide pro bono legal and support services to veterans, including, among other things, assistance with disability claims and appeals and foreclosures. There are already at least 22 law schools that have clinics devoted to veterans' legal needs, including the William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic, which serves as a national model for this idea and was the first recipient of a "best practice" certification from the VA. There are many other law schools, such as the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law, that are interested in starting their own VA-certified clinics.

More than 600,000 veterans are waiting for their disability claims to be processed by the VA. With the assistance of lawyers and law professors, clinical programs provide free legal resources to assist veterans in processing their claims. My bill would merely build on what some law schools have begun to do for the last several years. More needs to be done to sustain and increase these programs.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, a concrete measure that would assist our veterans, who have repeatedly put their lives on the line for this country.

HONORING 4 CORNERS FARM

HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Gray Family and their 4 Corners Farm in South Newbury, Vermont for a remarkable 40 years of growing quality food for Vermonters.

For owners Bob and Kim Gray, July 1, 2018 also marks their 40th wedding anniversary. Like many farming partnerships, theirs is a tested one based on mutual admiration and respect, a major factor in their collective success in growing food, a farm, and a family.

Their story is unique. Both Bob and Kim are former members of the U.S. Ski Team. Bob represented the United States in cross country skiing at the 1968 and 1972 Olympics. Kim